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VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL

SUBJ: MBFR: ANGLO/ GERMAN CONSULTATIONS

1. AMB ROTH TELLS US HE WILL STOP IN LONDON FOR
FEB. 20 WORKING LUNCH WITH FCO OFFICIAL TICKELL
ENROUTE TO WASHINGTON, ROTH' S MAIN GOAL IN LONDON
WILL BE TO ENCOURAGE BRITISH TO SUPPORT SHORTER
MBFR AGENDA AND EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONCLUSION OF
MIT SO ALLIANCE WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO
PREPARAE SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS FOR AUTUMN NEGOTIATIONS.

2. DESPITE THOMSON' S TOUGH TALK AT VIENNA, ROTH
SAID HE DID NOT HAVE IMPRESSION THAT BRITISH INTENDED
TO ABIDE OR CONTRIBUTE TO INDEFINITE STALEMATE OVER
HUNGARIAN ISSUE AT VIENNA. ROTH SAID SIR THOMAS
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BRIMELOW RECENTLY HAD TOLD FRG POL DIRECTOR VAN WELL THAT THE BRITISH ARE FULLY AWARE OF AND DO NOT INTEND TO COMPLICATE USG PROBLEMS WITH CONGRESS. BUT IN INDICATING POSSIBLE UK/ FRG INTENTIONS IN EVENT SOVIETS REJECT ABEYANCE FORMULA, ROTH SAID HE WOULD ASK WASHINGTON OFFICIALS WHETHER US COULD IN THAT SITUATION AGREE TO JOIN IN PRESSING ITALY TO ACCEPT " ALL-19" APPROACH. COMMENT: THIS " ALL-19" APPROACH CLEARLY MEANS BREAKING LINKAGE BETWEEN STATUS AND PROCEDURAL CHARACTER OF PARTICIPATION AT MIT OR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS; AS DESCRIBED IN BONN 3546, STATUT ONLY WOULD BE DEFINED, PER GERMAN CONCEPT, BY OBLIGATIONS INCURRED IN EVENTUAL MBFR AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS. END COMMENT.

3. IN SPECULATING ON ALLIED GOALS IN MBFR, ROTH SAID BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMANS WON' T REDUCE INDIGENOUS FORCES, BUT BELGIANS AND DUTCH " WANT TO CUT THEIR DEFENSE BUDGETS". FRG SEES MBFR AS POSSIBLE PART OF " NETWORK OF AGREEMENTS WHICH COULD LIMIT SOVIET OFFENSIVE ATTITUDES DURING NEXT DECADE AND THIS PREPARE WAY FOR SUBSTANTIAL FORCE REDUCTION IN EUROPE THEREAFTER". BIGGEST GERMAN QUESTION, WHICH ROTH WILL EXPLORE IN WASHINGTON, IS ROLE OF AND TIME FRAME FOR MBFR IN US POLICY TOWARD EUROPE.
HILLENBRAND

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